

Slusser Senior Council

Minutes- September 20, 2010

Members in Attendance: Gloria Symonds, Joanne Woodward, Marilyn Bresaw, Judy Sanborn, Pat Dawson, Justin LaVigne, Don Lane, Chairman

Chairman Lane called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm.

Resignations- Chairman Lane preempted the normal procedure of Minutes Approval in order to bring the Council up to date concerning the resignations of both Janet Krzyzaniak and Lillian Landry within a few hours of each other on Wednesday, September 15, 2010. Mrs. Krzyzaniak simply asked to have her name removed from the Council list because “she was no longer a member”. Mrs. Landry indicated that she had resigned to the Board of Selectmen. Neither informed the Council of the reason(s) for her resignation. Considerable conversation ensued concerning these decisions by Mrs. Krzyzaniak and Mrs. Landry. It was determined, finally, that the Council’s posture needed to be acceptance of the resignations and then initiating a search for replacements. Because Mrs. Dawson had just recently joined the Council it was determined that we would only need to find one new member to bring us up to our quota of seven(7).

Position of Council Concerning Board of Selectmen’s Transfer of Human Services Function-

Because the Council was not afforded an opportunity to express its position concerning the transfer of Human Resources Director, Marilyn Bresaw, from the Slusser Senior Center to the Town Hall, Chairman Lane asked the Council members their various opinions on this matter since it would have such a deleterious effect on the Center. After some discussion a motion was made that we submit in writing, to the Board of Selectmen, the sense of the Council on this matter. The Council then took a vote that reflected its sentiment concerning this matter. The vote was:

5 in Favor of Retaining the Human Resource Function in the Center

0 (none) in Favor of Moving the Function

1 abstention

It was also determined that Chairman Lane should write the Board of Selectmen so that the Council’s position is a matter of public record.

Public Comment- Comments were given by Merle Dustin concerning the transfer. Mrs. Dustin was very agitated about the fact that the Board was transferring the function to a totally

inadequate facility. She promised to bring her message to the Board at its regularly scheduled weekly meeting.

New Business- The discussion centered around various changes that might be considered to make the Center a more comfortable place for those who are infrequent visitors. Also, Chairman Lane suggested that the Council submit to the Board of Selectmen ideas for providing more anonymity to those receiving Human Resource Department services. Such ideas would involve procedural changes as well as minor physical changes to the building. These changes would be implemented once the Board reverses its decision.

On other matters Mrs. Symonds indicated an interest in holding a “ballroom” dance. Mr. LaVigne stated that the Recreation Department was planning to run a course in ballroom dancing and that the dance(s) should be coordinated with the course.

Old Business- Chairman Lane brought up the idea for building Horseshoe pits for playing Horseshoes. Mr. Lavigne would again ask Public Works for assistance in building the pits. Also, Mrs. Woodward asked about projects that Mrs. Landry was presumably pursuing, a Senior Newsletter and the development of a logo. Mrs. Woodward volunteered to ask Mrs. Landry about the logo. Chairman Lane said he would pursue the idea of publishing our own Senior Newsletter. Mr. LaVigne commented that the Town Administrator was considering publishing a town newsletter in October.

Adjournment- There being no further business Chairman Lane requested a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Mrs. Woodward to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Sanborn. The Council voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Lane, Chairman
Slusser Senior Center Council

